

**Town Manager's Office  
Town of Mansfield**

# Memo

To: Town Council  
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager  
CC: Town Employees  
Date: March 23, 2015  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

## **Council Business**

- *Legislative Program* – In the communications section of [tonight's agenda](#) you will see copies of testimony that I provided at the capitol regarding An Act Concerning Tax Fairness and Economic Development. In addition, Library Director Leslie McDonough has contacted me regarding proposed efforts to restore state funding for public libraries (see the attached email for more detail).

## **Major Projects and Initiatives**

- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* – Crews will be performing access road and construction pad maintenance in various areas along the right-of-way the week of March 23, 2015. Weekly construction updates can be found at [www.NEEWSprojects.com](http://www.NEEWSprojects.com). Residents can also call 1-866-99NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or email [NEEWS@NU.com](mailto:NEEWS@NU.com) for more information.
- *Storrs Center Update*
  - The Mansfield Downtown Partnership will hold a public hearing on the zoning permit application for Phase 3 – Main Street Homes (for-sale condominiums and townhomes) on April 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to convey an advisory opinion to the Town's Director of Planning and Development as to whether the plans meet the Storrs Center Special Design District Regulation. Approximately, half of the proposed units have been pre-sold. If approval is granted, site work should begin this spring.
  - E-Fix and More, a cell phone and computer repair shop, has opened in 1 Royce Circle.
  - The Oaks on the Square is 77% pre-leased for its current four buildings and the five that will come on line in August 2015; no studios are left.
  - Wilder Companies should deliver the Hair Cuttery space to the tenant in a few weeks; the Hair Cuttery can then complete its tenant fit-out. Wilder is also working to deliver the Wingstop space to that tenant, and is close to signing the 3<sup>rd</sup> lease for the market square building.
  - The Traffic Authority granted a request by the development team to keep Wilbur Cross Way closed until July to continue to allow for safe pedestrian and vehicular safety.
  - The Town Square will be complete in May with the final components – stage roof, light pylons around the green circle, trellises and sculpture - in place.

## **Upcoming Events**

- *Storrs Farmers Market* – Storrs Winter Farmers Market will be open two Saturdays a month from 3:00 – 6:00 PM at the Mansfield Public Library. The remaining Winter Market dates are: March 28, April 4 and 18. Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut. Visit [www.storrsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.storrsfarmersmarket.org) for more information.

## **Upcoming Meetings\***

- Traffic Authority, March 24, 2015, 10:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Services Advisory Committee, March 25, 2015, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- DEEP Public Hearing on Water Diversion Permit, March 25, 2015, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Economic Development Commission, March 26, 2015, 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council Budget Workshop, March 30, 2015, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council Budget Workshop, April 1, 2015, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Water System Advisory Committee, April 1, 2015, 7:00 PM, Community Room, Mansfield Community Center
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, April 2, 2015, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Public Information Session on the Manager's Proposed Budget, April 2, 2015, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Inland/Wetland Agency & Planning and Zoning Commission, April 6, 2015, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council Budget Workshop, April 7, 2015, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, April 8, 2015, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council Budget Workshop, April 8, 2015, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Zoning Board of Appeals, April 8, 2015, 7:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children Executive Council, April 9, 2015, 10:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Playground Committee, April 9, 2015, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education, April 9, 2015, 7:30 AM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, April 10, 2015, 8:10 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, April 13, 2015, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Public Hearing on the Budget, April 13, 2015, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, April 13, 2015, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

*\*Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*